

Sermon Series: Live Beyond Regret

“Creating a Legacy”

"As we think about what it means to make decisions as if we only have one month to live, the question remains: Is it possible to live in such a way that the impact of our lives is felt forever?" (Kerry and Chris Shook; One Month to Live)

Create a legacy by: giving instead of taking

"Then Jesus said to all the people: 'If any of you want to be my followers, you must forget about yourself. You must take up your cross every day and follow me. If you want to save your life, you will destroy it. But if you give up your life for me, you will save it. What will you gain, if you own the whole world but destroy yourself or waste your life.?'" (Luke 9:23-25)

Create a legacy by: planting seeds of faith

"I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow" (1 Corinthians 3:6-7)

"The creation of a thousand forests is in one acorn." (Ralph Waldo Emerson)

"Every day, every moment, with every action, you're planting something. So the question is, what exactly are you planting?"

Devotional/Discussion Guide

- Begin with prayer. If you are in a group, this is important and if you are by yourself, it is equally important. Ask God to guide your time.
- Consider getting and reading the book, “One Month to Live” by Kerry and Chris Shook. It’s where this sermon series is getting many ideas. It’s not too late! For this message read the two sections entitled: “Sandcastles” and “Seeds.”
- Have you ever built a sandcastle? If so, try to remember the details. What was it like? What happened to it? Is life like a sandcastle? Why or why not?
- Why do you think so many people (and society) rank position and wealth as a measure of a life of significance? Do you? Does Jesus?
- Read Luke 9:23-25 on the other side. What is the message you get from this short story of Jesus? How could this change your thinking about creating a legacy?

- Have you ever planted any seeds? What kind? Did they grow? Why or why not?
- Who planted the seeds of faith in your life? (Read the 1 Corinthians passage on the other side). When did they do it? How?
- Based on today's message; what kind of seeds are you planting today? What kind of seeds could you plant?
- What is your legacy looking like today? What could it look like with a few great tweaks? Will you make them?
- Close your time with prayer. Pray not only for yourselves but for the needs of your group, family, this church and school as well please.